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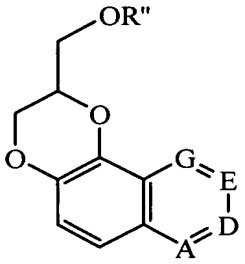
Listing of Claims

Claims 1 to 40 ***(cancelled)***

41. ***(original)*** A method of preparing a compound of Formula **6**



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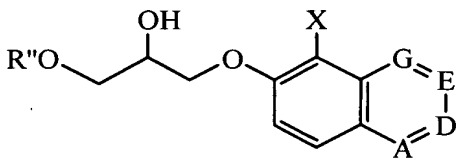
R^1 is hydrogen, hydroxy, halo, cyano, carboxamido, carboalkoxy of two to six carbon atoms, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, alkanoyloxy of 2 to 6 carbon atoms, amino, mono- or di-alkylamino in which each alkyl group has 1 to 6 carbon atoms, alkanamido of 2 to 6 carbon atoms, or alkanesulfonamido of 1 to 6 carbon atoms;

A and D are selected from carbon substituted by R^1 and nitrogen, provided that at least one of A and D is nitrogen;

E and G are carbon, substituted by R^1; and

R'' is benzyl or substituted benzyl,

comprising the step of cyclizing a compound of Formula **5**



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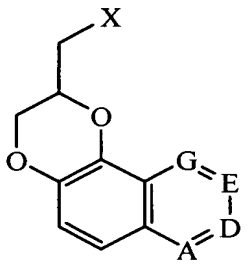
with palladium or copper catalyst.

42. ***(original)*** The method of Claim 41 wherein the catalyst is a palladium catalyst.

43. ***(original)*** The method of Claim 41 wherein A is nitrogen and D is carbon.

44. ***(original)*** A method of preparing a compound of Formula **10**



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wherein

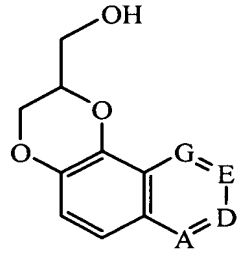
R^1 is hydrogen, hydroxy, halo, cyano, carboxamido, carboalkoxy of two to six carbon atoms, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, alkanoyloxy of 2 to 6 carbon atoms, amino, mono- or di-alkylamino in which each alkyl group has 1 to 6 carbon atoms, alkanamido of 2 to 6 carbon atoms, or alkanesulfonamido of 1 to 6 carbon atoms;

A and D are selected from carbon substituted by R^1 and nitrogen, provided that at least one of A and D is nitrogen;

E and G are carbon, substituted by R^1; and

X is I, Cl or Br:

comprising activating compound of Formula **7**



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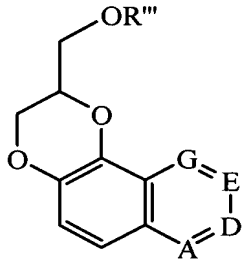
to halide with a standard halogenating reagent.

45. ***(original)*** The method of Claim 44 wherein the halogenating agent is halophosphorous.

46. ***(original)*** The method of Claim 44 wherein the halophosphorous is phosphorous triiodide, phosphorous tribromide or phosphorous pentachloride.

47. ***(original)*** The method of Claim 44 wherein A is nitrogen, and D is carbon.

48. ***(original)*** A method of preparing a compound of Formula **8**



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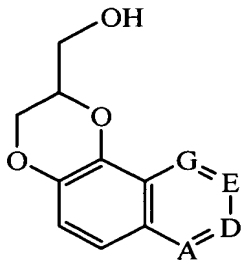
wherein R^1 is hydrogen, hydroxy, halo, cyano, carboxamido, carboalkoxy of two to six carbon atoms, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, alkanoyloxy of 2 to 6 carbon atoms, amino, mono- or di-alkylamino in which each alkyl group has 1 to 6 carbon atoms, alkanamido of 2 to 6 carbon atoms, or alkanesulfonamido of 1 to 6 carbon atoms;

A and D are selected from carbon substituted by R^1 and nitrogen, provided that at least one of A and D is nitrogen;

E and G are carbon, substituted by R^1; and

R''' is an aryl- or alkyl- sulfonate;

comprising activating the hydroxy moiety of the compound of formula **7**



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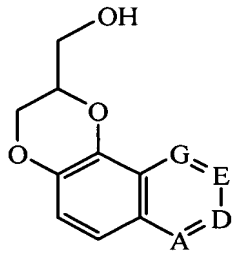
with aryl or alkyl sulfonyl chloride or with aryl or alkyl sulfonic anhydride in the presence of a base.

49. ***(original)*** The method of Claim 48 wherein A is nitrogen and D is carbon.

50. ***(original)*** A method of preparing a compound of Formula **7**



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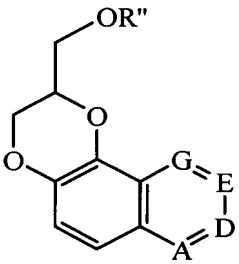
wherein R^1 is hydrogen, hydroxy, halo, cyano, carboxamido, carboalkoxy of two to six carbon atoms, alkyl of 1 to 6 carbon atoms, alkanoyloxy of 2 to 6 carbon atoms, amino, mono- or di-alkylamino in which each alkyl group has 1 to 6 carbon atoms, alkanamido of 2 to 6 carbon atoms, or alkanesulfonamido of 1 to 6 carbon atoms;

A and D are selected from carbon substituted by R^1 and nitrogen, provided that at least one of A and D is nitrogen; and

E and G are carbon, substituted by R^1;

comprising debenzylating a compound of Formula **6**



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where R" is benzyl or substituted benzyl.

51. ***(original)*** The method of Claim 50 wherein A is nitrogen, and D is carbon.

Claims 52 to 55 ***(cancelled)***